

Message

From: Sleasman, Katherine [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=9131559FB0F744068B68C1C0B8B8F5BF-KSLEASMA]
Sent: 9/23/2022 2:38:28 PM
To: Scott, Monica R [ScottMR@gao.gov]; Colwell, William C [ColwellW@gao.gov]
CC: Weiner, Janet [Weiner.Janet@epa.gov]; raynesd@gao.gov; Jennifer Gould [gouldj@gao.gov]
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 9 Section I.
Attachments: FY22_ALL_STAFF-#781642-v4-105728_-_REQUEST__EPA_INFORMATION_REQUEST_NO__9__SectionI.docx

Hello All,

Attached is the response to Information Request No. 9 Section I.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a great weekend.

Thanks,
Katherine Sleasman
(202) 566-1204

From: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 3:52 PM
To: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; raynesd@gao.gov; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>; Jennifer Gould <gouldj@gao.gov>
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8 Question 9 and Request No. 9 Section II.

Thank you Katherine! We will follow-up if we have any questions.

As a heads up, I will be out of the office most of the day on Friday. If you send the remaining information request no. 9 responses on Friday, please be sure to include Bill Colwell and Diane Raynes (cc'd) on the email.

Thank you!
Monica

From: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Raynes, Diane B <RaynesD@gao.gov>; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>; Gould, Jennifer E <GouldJ@gao.gov>
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8 Question 9 and Request No. 9 Section II.

CAUTION EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and/or know the content is safe. If you are suspicious of the e-mail, click on the Report Suspicious Emails button.

Hi Monica,

Attached are responses for Information Request Set 9 Section II., and the cited supporting attachment, "Funds Control Rules and Procedures Manual – Administrative Control of Funds" (RMDS 2520-P1) as well as Information Request Set 8 "Monitoring and Evaluating" question 9.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

We hope to get you the remaining questions in set 9 by the end of the week.

Thanks,
Katherine Sleasman
(202) 566-1204

From: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 5:36 PM
To: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; raynesd@gao.gov; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>; Jennifer Gould <gouldj@gao.gov>
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

Hi Katherine,
Thank you for keeping us updated.

Have a great weekend!
Monica

From: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 6:32 AM
To: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Raynes, Diane B <RaynesD@gao.gov>; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>; Gould, Jennifer E <GouldJ@gao.gov>
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

CAUTION EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and/or know the content is safe. If you are suspicious of the e-mail, click on the Report Suspicious Emails button.

Hi Monica,

I hope you are doing well.

Our folks were still very busy with the budget this week so I think we should be able to provide you with all or most of the remaining questions later next week. Thanks for your understanding.

Katherine Sleasman
(202) 566-1204

From: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; raynesd@gao.gov; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>; Jennifer Gould <gouldj@gao.gov>
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

Thank you Katherine! Please keep me posted.

Monica

From: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:33 PM
To: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Raynes, Diane B <RaynesD@gao.gov>; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>; Gould, Jennifer E <GouldJ@gao.gov>
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

CAUTION EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and/or know the content is safe. If you are suspicious of the e-mail, click on the Report Suspicious Emails button.

Hi Monica,

Thanks for following up. I just schedule a meeting with the workforce team to get an update on all the pending actions.

-Katherine Sleasman
(202) 566-1204

From: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 1:56 PM
To: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; raynesd@gao.gov; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>; Jennifer Gould <gouldj@gao.gov>
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

Hi Katherine,

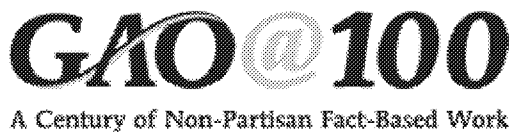
I just wanted to follow-up on the last remaining item on information request no. 8. Can you provide an estimated timeframe for responses to the monitoring and evaluation question (see below)?

11. OPPT's *Strategic Plan FY 2021 – FY 2023* included the following improvements and performance indicators related to TSCA workforce planning. Please describe steps OPPT has taken to monitor and evaluate its performance meeting these and any other relevant improvements or performance indicators?

- *Existing Chemical Risk Analysis Division (ECRAD)*
 - IMPROVEMENT: Workforce Stewardship
 - PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: FTE utilization (Goal = 98%) and annual turnover (Goal = <4%)
- *Existing Chemical Risk Management Division (ECRMD)*
 - IMPROVEMENT: Hire, retain, and develop staff to effectively implement ECRMD programs.
 - PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: Completing hiring actions within agency timeframes; remaining below office attrition rate; and having voluntary IDPs in place for a majority of staff.
- *New Chemicals Division (NCD):*

- IMPROVEMENT: Improve organizational culture, resource allocation, human capital assets and technological developments to promote organizational excellence.
- PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: Updated training materials for human health September 2021; NCD SOP developed April 2021; quarterly budget management meetings implemented April 2021; OPPT consolidated contract implemented 2022; implementation starting in October 2021; reduction in the total number of meetings; and reduction in contractor costs, and increasing awareness and consistency across disciplines for analogue use.

Monica Scott, MPA | Analyst | Natural Resources & the Environment
US GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (GAO)
Atlanta Field Office
2635 Century Pkwy NE #600, Atlanta, GA 30345
scottmr@gao.gov | Ph: 404-679-1827 | www.gao.gov
Pronouns: she/her



From: Scott, Monica R
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 11:06 AM
To: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Gould, Jennifer E <GouldJ@gao.gov>; Raynes, Diane B <RaynesD@gao.gov>; Perkins, Susan <Perkins.Susan@epa.gov>; Corona, Elizabeth <Corona.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Wilson, Brittany <wilson.brittany@epa.gov>; Ingram, Amir <Ingram.Amir@epa.gov>; Miles-McLean, Stuart <Miles-Mclean.Stuart@epa.gov>; DeBell, Kevin <debell.kevin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

Hi Katherine,
Thank for sending over these responses. Yes, we can make 9/9 work as new due date for the last remaining question.
We will get back to you if we have any questions.

Enjoy the long weekend as well!

Monica Scott, MPA | Analyst | Natural Resources & the Environment
US GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (GAO)
Atlanta Field Office
2635 Century Pkwy NE #600, Atlanta, GA 30345
scottmr@gao.gov | Ph: 404-679-1827 | www.gao.gov
Pronouns: she/her



From: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 9:58 AM
To: Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>; Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Gould, Jennifer E <GouldJ@gao.gov>; Raynes, Diane B

<RaynesD@gao.gov>; Perkins, Susan <Perkins.Susan@epa.gov>; Corona, Elizabeth <Corona.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Wilson, Brittany <wilson.brittany@epa.gov>; Ingram, Amir <Ingram.Amir@epa.gov>; Miles-McLean, Stuart <Miles-McLean.Stuart@epa.gov>; DeBell, Kevin <debell.kevin@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

CAUTION EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and/or know the content is safe. If you are suspicious of the e-mail, click on the Report Suspicious Emails button.

Hi Bill and Monica,

Attached is our response to Request No. 8 question 8 on our use of contracts. We are requesting additional time to complete question 9 "monitoring and evaluating." Would it be possible for us to provide you with a response by Sept. 9th?

Please let us know if you have any questions on our use of contract support.

Have a great holiday weekend!

Thanks,
Katherine Sleasman
OPPT Audit Coordinator
(202) 566-1204

From: Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 12:40 PM

To: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>; Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>

Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Jennifer Gould <gouldj@gao.gov>; raynesd@gao.gov; Perkins, Susan <Perkins.Susan@epa.gov>; Corona, Elizabeth <Corona.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Wilson, Brittany <wilson.brittany@epa.gov>; Ingram, Amir <Ingram.Amir@epa.gov>; Miles-McLean, Stuart <Miles-McLean.Stuart@epa.gov>; DeBell, Kevin <debell.kevin@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

Katherine,

The extension you requested is workable.

Thanks,
Bill

From: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 6:16 AM

To: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>

Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Gould, Jennifer E <GouldJ@gao.gov>; Raynes, Diane B <RaynesD@gao.gov>; Perkins, Susan <Perkins.Susan@epa.gov>; Corona, Elizabeth <Corona.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Wilson, Brittany <wilson.brittany@epa.gov>; Ingram, Amir <Ingram.Amir@epa.gov>; Miles-McLean, Stuart <Miles-McLean.Stuart@epa.gov>; DeBell, Kevin <debell.kevin@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

CAUTION EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and/or know the content is safe. If you are suspicious of the e-mail, click on the Report Suspicious Emails button.

Hi Monica,

For the “monitoring and evaluating steps” a few of our key folks are out on leave this week. Can we submit responses to these questions by the end of next week?

Thanks,
Katherine Sleasman
OPPT Audit Coordinator
(202) 566-1204

From: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 11:20 AM
To: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Jennifer Gould <gouldj@gao.gov>; raynesd@gao.gov; Perkins, Susan <Perkins.Susan@epa.gov>; Corona, Elizabeth <Corona.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Wilson, Brittany <wilson.brittany@epa.gov>; Ingram, Amir <Ingram.Amir@epa.gov>; Miles-McLean, Stuart <Miles-Mclean.Stuart@epa.gov>; DeBell, Kevin <debell.kevin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

Thank you for sending these Katherine!
We will let you know if we have any follow-up questions next week. We look forward to receiving responses to the “monitoring and evaluation steps” questions by the end of next week.

Enjoy your leave!
Monica

From: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 8:35 AM
To: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Gould, Jennifer E <GouldJ@gao.gov>; Raynes, Diane B <RaynesD@gao.gov>; Perkins, Susan <Perkins.Susan@epa.gov>; Corona, Elizabeth <Corona.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Wilson, Brittany <wilson.brittany@epa.gov>; Ingram, Amir <Ingram.Amir@epa.gov>; Miles-McLean, Stuart <Miles-Mclean.Stuart@epa.gov>; DeBell, Kevin <debell.kevin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

CAUTION EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and/or know the content is safe. If you are suspicious of the e-mail, click on the Report Suspicious Emails button.

Hi Monica,

We were able to complete some of the questions on workforce (1-3) and all the new chemicals questions for request no. 8!

Please let us know if you have any questions. I will be on leave from Aug. 22-24th but will be able to get back to you on any questions as soon as I get back.

Thanks,
Katherine

From: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 5:10 PM

To: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Jennifer Gould <gouldj@gao.gov>; raynesd@gao.gov
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

Sounds good, thank you!

Monica

From: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 3:06 PM
To: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Gould, Jennifer E <GouldJ@gao.gov>; Raynes, Diane B <RaynesD@gao.gov>
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

CAUTION EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and/or know the content is safe. If you are suspicious of the e-mail, click on the Report Suspicious Emails button.

Hi Monica.

Thanks. Yes, I will need a few extra days on the workforce analysis. We hope to get you the new chemicals responses on time.

-Katherine Sleasman
(202) 566-1204

From: Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 4:56 PM
To: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>; Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Jennifer Gould <gouldj@gao.gov>; raynesd@gao.gov
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

Hi Katherine,
Thank you for the update. Please let us know if you will need more than a few extra days.

Have a great afternoon,

Monica Scott, MPA | Analyst | Natural Resources & the Environment
US GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (GAO)
Atlanta Field Office
2635 Century Pkwy NE #600, Atlanta, GA 30345
scottmr@gao.gov | Ph: 404-679-1827 | www.gao.gov
Pronouns: she/her

GAO@100
A Century of Non-Partisan Fact-Based Work

From: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 1:57 PM

To: Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>

Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Gould, Jennifer E <GouldJ@gao.gov>; Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>; Raynes, Diane B <RaynesD@gao.gov>

Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

CAUTION EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and/or know the content is safe. If you are suspicious of the e-mail, click on the Report Suspicious Emails button.

Hi Bill,

Just to give you an update on request 8, I a lot of folks have been out on annual leave but I still hope to get you responses next week it may just be a little later in the week for workforce related ones.

Thanks for your understanding.

Sincerely,
Katherine Sleasman
(202) 566-1204

From: Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 2:53 PM

To: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>

Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Jennifer Gould <gouldj@gao.gov>; Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>; raynesd@gao.gov

Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

Thank you Katherine!

September 1st for our contractor-related questions works for us.

Our goal with the contractor questions is to understand the general lay of the land and have some context about how frequently contractors perform new and existing chemical review responsibilities. If EPA has ideas about how to meet this goal more efficiently, we are always happy to discuss them.

Bill

From: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 12:42 PM

To: Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>

Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Gould, Jennifer E <GouldJ@gao.gov>; Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>; Raynes, Diane B <RaynesD@gao.gov>

Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

CAUTION EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and/or know the content is safe. If you are suspicious of the e-mail, click on the Report Suspicious Emails button.

Hi Bill,

Thank you for your clarifications! I think we will be able to meet your deadline for questions 1 -3, however we may need additional time for your ask on contracts. Can we have until September 1st?

Thanks,
Katherine Sleasman
(202) 566-1204

From: Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2022 3:43 PM
To: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Jennifer Gould <gouldj@gao.gov>; Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>;
raynesd@gao.gov
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

Katherine,

We are grateful that you reached out to us for clarification. We do not need to see SOWs for the contracts currently in place. Do the following revisions provide the clarity you need?

- Please provide examples of new and existing chemical review responsibilities that contractors currently perform.
- Please provide examples of the kind of work that contractors cannot do (i.e., work that must be performed by federal employees) in this area.
- Please estimate the percentage of new and existing chemical review responsibilities that contractors currently perform (e.g., the current fiscal year). If EPA cannot derive an estimate, please briefly (2-3 sentences) summarize the magnitude of contracted work in this area.

As I mentioned in my voicemail, we are happy to chat further about our information needs and can work with you to reasonably scope the request. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,
Bill

From: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:39 AM
To: Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Gould, Jennifer E <GouldJ@gao.gov>; Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>; Raynes, Diane B <RaynesD@gao.gov>
Subject: RE: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

CAUTION EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and/or know the content is safe. If you are suspicious of the e-mail, click on the Report Suspicious Emails button.

Hi Bill,

I could use some clarification on the question below.

1. Please clarify the extent to which, if at all, EPA's new and existing chemical review responsibilities can be performed by contractors (i.e., do not involve inherent governmental functions).

Do you want SOWs to describe the work these contractors are doing, bullets on what work is covered the contractors are performing, or the percentage of work they can accomplish? This could be a large ask so I'm just trying to focus our efforts.

Thanks,
Katherine Sleasman
(202) 566-1204

From: Colwell, William C <ColwellW@gao.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2022 2:51 PM
To: Sleasman, Katherine <Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Weiner, Janet <Weiner.Janet@epa.gov>; Jennifer Gould <gouldj@gao.gov>; Scott, Monica R <ScottMR@gao.gov>; raynesd@gao.gov
Subject: GAO EPA Toxic Chemicals Management (105728): Information Request No. 8

Katherine,

As promised, please find attached our request for (1) data reliability information related to new chemical review counts that EPA previously provided, (2) current vacant positions related to TSCA responsibilities, and (3) monitoring and evaluation activities for relevant workforce planning performance indicators. We would appreciate receiving EPA's written responses by **August 22, 2022**; however, please let us know if this is not feasible.

As we discussed, we plan to collect workforce hire and departure counts for FY 2022 and the September 30, 2022 onboard "snapshot" in early October 2022. We are still exploring what data reliability questions, if any, we need to ask related to these counts.

Respectfully,
Bill

William Colwell | Senior Analyst | Natural Resources & Environment
U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE
1244 Speer Blvd. Suite 800 | Denver, CO 80204 | 202.512.9781